

transformative power of data in modernizing agency missions, digital transformation, and enhancing organizational capabilities. Expect to gain a deeper understanding of how the alignment of AI and data management can unleash sustained and responsible value within Federal agencies. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of crucial conversations that will shape the future of Federal agency operations.

**DATES:** The CDO Council Symposium will be held in-person on Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. eastern time (ET).

**ADDRESSES:** GSA Headquarters, 1800 F St NW, Washington, DC 20405 within the Jess Mellon Auditorium.

This is an in-person event. All attendees, including industry partners, must register for the event here: <https://www.ticketsource.us/federal-cdo-council/federal-cdo-council-presents-data-powers-mission-transforming-business-and-mission-with-data/e-pqaaqq>.

Members of the press are invited to attend but are required to register with the GSA press office (via email [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)) by Thursday, November 14, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ariel Crawford and Ashley Jackson, Senior Advisors, Office of Shared Solutions and Performance Improvement, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, 1800 F Street NW, (Mail-code: MY), Washington, DC 20405, at 301-653-7198 (Ariel Crawford) and 202-538-2897 (Ashley Jackson), or [cdocstaff@gsa.gov](mailto:cdocstaff@gsa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Procedures for Attendance

Register to attend the Symposium via the Registration <https://www.ticketsource.us/federal-cdo-council/federal-cdo-council-presents-data-powers-mission-transforming-business-and-mission-with-data/e-pqaaqq>. Attendees must register by 5 p.m. ET, on Friday, November 15, 2024. Space is limited and available based on registration. (GSA will be unable to provide technical assistance to attendees during the meeting.) Members of the press are invited to attend but are required to register with the GSA press office (via email [press@gsa.gov](mailto:press@gsa.gov)) by Thursday, November 14, 2024.

##### Accommodations

This meeting will include American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation. To request additional accommodations for a disability, please contact [cdocstaff@gsa.gov](mailto:cdocstaff@gsa.gov) at least seven (7) calendar days

prior to the meeting to allow as much time as possible to process your request.

#### Background

The Federal Chief Data Officers (CDO) Council was established by the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act (Pub. L. 115-435), which also requires all Federal agencies to appoint a CDO. The Council's vision is to improve government mission achievement and increase the benefits to the Nation through improvement in the management, use, protection, dissemination, and generation of data in government decision-making and operations. The CDO Council has more than 90 member CDOs from across the Federal Government, as well as representatives from the Office of Management and Budget, and other key councils and committees. The CDO Council has working groups that focus on critical topics as well as committees that help Federal agencies connect and collaborate. The CDO Council also works with other interagency executive councils on data related topics and activities.

The CDO Council Symposium is for Federal employees as well as any members of the public, including industry, civil society, academia, and any users of Federal Government data. As a result of this meeting, participants will gain insights from Federal leaders leveraging data to transform mission delivery and understand the alignment of AI and data management for sustained value in Federal agencies.

#### Live Speakers (Subject To Change Without Notice.)

##### Hosted by: Federal CDO Council

##### Agenda Topic Areas

##### November 21, 2024 Symposium Focus Areas

- Data as a strategic enabler for mission and business delivery
- Partnership with CDO's, CAO's, CIO's and other executive functions in the Federal Government
- Culture and workforce engagement
- The CDO Council's value to the Federal Government
- Strategic partnership in delivery of the Evidence Act

##### Ariel Crawford,

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#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice-PBS-2024-10; Docket No. 2024-0002; Sequence No. 43]

#### Notice of Inquiry Regarding Sustainable Leasing

**AGENCY:** Public Buildings Service (PBS), Office of Leasing, General Services Administration, (GSA).

**ACTION:** Notice; Request for Information (RFI).

**SUMMARY:** GSA is exploring solutions toward achieving higher sustainability standards in federally leased locations. GSA is publishing this notice to request comments to help us understand the overall impacts of advanced sustainability requirements related to executing green leases. At this time, GSA has not determined whether or not it will work towards a notice of proposed rulemaking to address this topic.

**DATES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat as noted below on or before December 6, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in response to this inquiry to: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for "Notice of Inquiry Regarding Sustainable Leasing". Follow the instructions provided at the "Comment Now" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Notice of Inquiry Regarding Sustainable Leasing" on your attached document.

*Instructions:* Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <https://www.regulations.gov>, approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For clarification of content, contact Ms. Elizabeth Brown, Realty Specialist at [elizabeth.brown@gsa.gov](mailto:elizabeth.brown@gsa.gov) or 202-355-3822. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at [GSARegSec@gsa.gov](mailto:GSARegSec@gsa.gov) or 202-501-4755. Please cite "GSA Sustainable Leasing Inquiry".

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

GSA has incorporated green requirements into its Request for Lease Proposal (RLP) and Lease documents for

the past 25 years. These green requirements are driven by statutes, federal policies, Executive Orders, and various industry standards. They include provisions related to Energy Star, third-party green ratings, HVAC and commissioning, indoor air quality, water conservation, sustainable products, and landlord reporting of energy and water consumption.

In December 2021, President Biden issued *Executive Order 14057 on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability* (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/12/08/executive-order-on-catalyzing-clean-energy-industries-and-jobs-through-federal-sustainability/>) which was accompanied by *OMB Memorandum (M-22-06)* (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/M-22-06.pdf>). This Executive Order set new climate and sustainability goals for the Federal government, with the target of a net-zero emissions building portfolio by 2045.

Per the OMB memorandum (M-22-06), “. . . all new (including new-replacing, succeeding, and superseding) leases entered into after September 30, 2023, for at least 25,000 rentable square feet in a building where the Federal Government leases at least 75 percent of the total building square footage are green leases. Such green leases must require the lessor to report to the agency annual data on facility greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, water consumption, and waste generation . . .” (Section I.F.2). The *Implementing Instructions for E.O. 14057* ([https://www.sustainability.gov/pdfs/EO\\_14057\\_Implementing\\_Instructions.pdf](https://www.sustainability.gov/pdfs/EO_14057_Implementing_Instructions.pdf)) further clarify that these requirements will be measured for “[all] new lease solicitations issued after September 30, 2023, for at least 25,000 rentable square feet (RSF) where the Federal Government occupies at least 75 percent of a building are to be green leases.” (Section 4.4.13).

The E.O. 14057 *Implementing Instructions* further require the following:

“GSA must issue green lease standards and guidelines to be applied to Federal leases, including provisions that promote a standard framework for lessor reporting of emissions, energy, water, and waste associated with leased space. Agencies with independent leasing authority must incorporate the guidelines and language into agency-specific leasing policies and procedures.”

GSA issued the *Green Lease Standards and Guidelines*, (<https://www.gsa.gov/system/files/>

*GLSG%20Final%20-%209\_28\_23%20C%20V2.pdf*) *Version 1.0 on September 29, 2023. These standards reflect a core set of green requirements that are included in federal leases.*

## II. Purpose

This inquiry is an important step towards exploring implementation instructions on how to successfully advance green leasing requirements into leasing solutions.

GSA is considering adding more advanced green leasing requirements to lease solicitations. These requirements would apply to leases that are 25,000 rentable square feet or greater where the government collectively occupies at least 75 percent of the building. GSA has identified several optional requirements from GLSG Version 1.0 to include as required in a Version 2.0 update. This RFI seeks to understand how the commercial real estate market will meet these advanced sustainability requirements and any potential impact they will have on rental rates.

The key sustainability solutions that are being explored include: electrification of equipment upon replacement or end-of-life, the use of energy efficient equipment, periodic recommissioning, and landlord tracking and reporting of operational energy usage and waste management.

### II.A. Electrification of Building Systems

GSA is reviewing energy efficiency as it relates to the electrification of major base building systems, meaning less reliance on fossil fuels for leases that are 25,000 rentable square feet or greater, where the federal government collectively occupies at least 75 percent of a building. GSA is considering requiring that upon replacement or end-of-life, building equipment used for heating, cooling, ventilation, and domestic hot water be changed from equipment relying on fossil fuels to equipment using electricity as the power source.

### II.B. Use of Energy Efficient Equipment

For leases that are 25,000 rentable square feet or greater, where the federal government collectively occupies at least 75 percent of a building, GSA is considering requiring that energy-efficient equipment or components that follow the minimum performance requirements of Energy Star labeled or Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-designated program standards be installed for major base building systems (heating, cooling, ventilation, process loads, and domestic hot water) upon the end-of-life or replacement of current equipment.

### II.C. Periodic Recommissioning

For leases that are 25,000 rentable square feet or greater and where the federal government collectively occupies at least 75 percent of a building, GSA is considering requiring a building owner to periodically recommission the major systems related to HVAC, controls, lighting, and domestic hot water based on relevant industry standards, to optimize systems and to maintain and enhance energy efficiency.

### II.D. Reporting of Waste Generation

For leases that are 25,000 rentable square feet or greater and where the federal government collectively occupies at least 75 percent of a building, GSA is considering requiring the building owner to track and report waste generation, including municipal solid waste (trash and recycling), and construction and demolition debris.

### II.E. Lessor Tracking/Reporting of the Government Tenants' Energy Use

For leases that are 25,000 rentable square feet or greater, and where the federal government collectively occupies at least 75 percent of a building, GSA is considering requiring the building owner to track and report energy use for federal government tenants independent from non-government tenants. This could include estimating the government's annual energy use if tenant level submeters are not available.

## III. Request for Operational and Economic Information

GSA seeks responses to the questions listed below. Please explain the reasoning behind your responses in detail. Also, please provide any data, studies, or other evidence that supports your response.

In your response please include your contact information, your business socio-economic category if applicable, and a brief description of your business.

GSA also seeks to better understand what industry changes are feasible from an economic perspective. GSA seeks economic data and consumer research to help increase its understanding of the impact that added sustainability requirements will have on rental rates for government leases in multiple markets. In your response please consider some of the questions below.

To help GSA review comments efficiently, identify the question to which you are responding by its associated number and letter (e.g., “IV.2.a”) or whether you are commenting on a topic not listed below.

#### IV. Questions for Industry

(1.) What measures would be required to transition to electric, non-fossil fuel using equipment for major building systems (heating, cooling, ventilation, and domestic hot water), upon the equipment's replacement or end-of-life?

(a.) What are the constraints or obstacles associated with this transition?

(b.) Please provide an estimate of the impact, if any, that electrification of building equipment would have on rental rates for government leases. Please identify the estimated costs and savings associated with implementing electrification.

(2.) What are the steps needed to shift toward using energy efficient equipment for building systems that follow the minimum performance requirements of Energy Star or FEMP-designated program standards (upon replacement or end-of-life)?

(a.) Are there challenges with obtaining energy efficient equipment and components for major building systems, or following the minimum performance requirements of Energy Star or FEMP-designated program standards for a federal leased space? If yes, what are those market challenges?

(b.) What impact on rental rates, if any, would installing energy efficient equipment and components for major building systems, or following the minimum performance requirements of Energy Star or FEMP-designated program standards?

(3.) If periodic recommissioning is required, what is the appropriate frequency that major building systems should be recommissioned?

(a.) Are there commercial industry standards for building recommissioning that we should consider using?

(b.) What parameters should we consider using if we chose to include recommissioning requirements (eg: percentage of government occupancy; size of lease; term of lease)?

(c.) What impact would periodic recommissioning requirements have on rental rates?

(4.) Are building owners currently required to track and report waste generation (related to trash, recyclables, and construction & demolition debris) in your local jurisdictions (city, county, etc.)?

(a.) What, if any, impact would this type of waste tracking and reporting have on the proposed rental rates for federal government leases?

(5.) Given the thresholds of 25,000 rentable square feet or greater and at least 75 percent federal government occupancy, would any of the 5 key

sustainability solutions reflected in Section II of this RFI prevent building owners from offering space to the government on a competitive lease procurement?

(6.) Are all or any of the 5 key sustainability solutions reflected in Section II of this RFI currently required by any building owners in jurisdictions or markets that you are familiar with (city, county, etc.)?

(a.) If so, which solutions, and which markets?

(b.) Have building owners been able to meet the requirements like these in markets you are familiar with, and what impact, if any, have they had on rental rates?

(7.) Please identify additional advanced sustainability requirements that GSA should consider in the pursuit of a more sustainable leased inventory.

(a.) What are they?

(b.) What are the expected impacts on rental rates for government leases associated with your recommendations?

#### Crofton Whitfield,

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of Leasing, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration.*

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#### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

##### Comptroller General's Advisory Council on Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Government Accountability Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is revising the *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government*, known as the Green Book. As part of the revision process, GAO will hold a meeting of the Comptroller General's Advisory Council on Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government (Advisory Council) on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to provide input and recommendations on revisions to the Green Book. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed revisions as a result of comments received on the June 2024 Green Book Exposure Draft. The meeting will be virtual and is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be virtual only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the meeting or the Green Book, please contact Carrie Morrison, Assistant Director, Financial Management and Assurance, [MorrisonC@gao.gov](mailto:MorrisonC@gao.gov) or (202) 512-4689. To request a reasonable accommodation (RA) for this meeting, email GAO's RA office at [ReasonableAccommodations@gao.gov](mailto:ReasonableAccommodations@gao.gov). Please request all accommodations at least five business days prior to the meeting (by October 23, 2024).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any interested person may attend the virtual meeting as an observer. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Advisory Council with brief (five-minute) presentations on matters directly related to the proposed updates and revisions. Any interested person who plans to attend the virtual meeting as an observer must contact Carrie Morrison, Assistant Director, at (202) 512-4689, before October 23, 2024. The meeting agenda will be available upon request one week before the meeting.

*Authority:* 31 U.S.C. 3512(c), (d).

#### James R. Dalkin,

*Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Request for Information (RFI): To Inform the Development of the 2026-2030 National HIV/AIDS Strategy and the National Strategic Plans for Sexually Transmitted Infections, Vaccines, and Viral Hepatitis

**AGENCY:** Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Through this Request for Information (RFI), the Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP) in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) in the Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), invites feedback from Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, and local governments; community-based organizations and faith-based organizations; Urban Indian Organizations; health plans and payers; health care providers, and other health-related and social services